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## VIA EFILING AND HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Charles Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina P.O. Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

IN RE:

Application of Palmetto State Utility Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience

and Necessity

**Docket No. 2007-356-WS** 

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On September 28, 2007, Palmetto State Utility Services, Inc. (Palmetto) filed a motion for protective order and confidential treatment of the terms of its contract with the United States government to serve Fort Jackson.

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) does not object to the motion for protective treatment of the terms of Palmetto's contract with the United States subject to the condition that the protection does not extend to reports Palmetto may be required to file with ORS in the future. However, because the contract was omitted from the copy of the application delivered to ORS, ORS requests it be provided a copy of the contract pursuant to S.C. Code Reg. 103-830 (2007).

Additionally, ORS may request additional information from Palmetto in evaluating its application. To the extent these additional documents may contain proprietary information, ORS will treat them in the same manner as those documents subject to the protective order.

Please accept the original of this letter for filing and return the copy enclosed to me in the envelope provided. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

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cc: Marcus A. Manos

Granville R. Hodges, Jr.